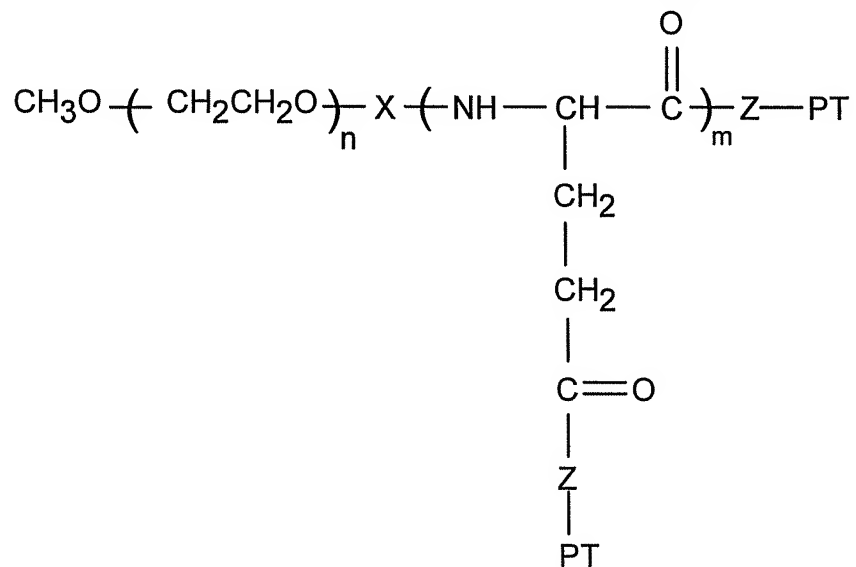


IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Cancelled)
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15. (Previously presented) A conjugate of methoxypolyethylene glycol-glutamic acid oligopeptide and drug molecule having the following formula:



wherein:

n is an integer from 10-1200;

m is an integer from 2-12;

X is a linking group selected from the group consisting of  $(\text{CH}_2)_i$ ,  $(\text{CH}_2)_i\text{OCO}$ ,  $(\text{CH}_2)_i\text{NHCO}$  and  $(\text{CH}_2)_i\text{CO}$ , and wherein i is an integer from 0-10 inclusive;

Z is a linking group selected from O and NH; and

PT is a drug molecule selected from the group consisting of paclitaxel, camptothecin, cinobufagin, clycyrrhethinic acid, scopoletin and esters thereof.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Previously presented) A composition comprising a conjugate according to claim 15 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 20, wherein the composition is formulated into a form selected from the group consisting of a tablet, a suppository, a pill, a soft gelatin capsule, a hard gelatin capsule, a powder, a solution, a suspension, and an aerosol.